

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Paul F. Predki *et al.*

Application No. 10,622,675

Filed: July, 17, 2003

For: **Method for the Prediction of an
Epitope**

Confirmation No. 3642

Group Art Unit: 1655

Atty. Docket No. IVGN 511

Customer No.

Examiner: Martin, Paul C

Response to Election/Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated September 12, 2006, the Examiner acknowledged the Applicants arguments regarding the prior species restriction/election and the requirement was withdrawn. However, the Examiner has deemed that a further species restriction/election is still required. Accordingly, this communication is responsive to the restriction requirement mailed September 12, 2006.

It is believed that a one (1) month extension of time is required plus the fees provided with the filing accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are hereby authorized to be deducted from, and any overpayment credited to, Deposit Account No. 503994.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.